

NIH MANUAL 1130 Program: General #36  
DATE: 7/23/04  
ISSUING OFFICE: OD/OM/OMA 301-496-2832

**DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY**  
**A-76 Competitive Sourcing**

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**Authorities Delegated**

1. To appoint competition officials, in writing, and hold these competition officials accountable for the timely and proper conduct of streamlined or standard competitions through the use of annual performance evaluations (OMB Circular No. A-76, Attachment B, Section A.8, revised May 29, 2003).

**To Whom Delegated**

**Area of Authority**

Deputy Director for Management

NIH

2. To consult with the Contracting Officer (CO) on whether amending the solicitation closing date is in the best interest of the Government in cases in which the CO has been notified by the Agency Tender Official (ATO) that the agency tender cannot be submitted by the solicitation closing date (OMB Circular No. A-76, Attachment B, Section D.4.a(2), revised May 29, 2003).

**To Whom Delegated**

**Area of Authority**

NIH Head of Contracting Activity

NIH

3. To identify savings resulting from completed streamlined and standard competitions in accordance with OMB Circular No. A-11, Preparation, Submission, and Execution of the Budget (revised July 25, 2003) (OMB Circular No. A-76, Section 5.e, revised May 29, 2003).

**To Whom Delegated**

**Area of Authority**

Director, OMA

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**Limitations/Guidance**

1. The authorities delegated must be exercised pursuant to the standards set forth in OMB Circular No. A-76, as revised May 29, 2003.
2. Authority #1 excludes authority to appoint the Human Resources Advisor (HRA), which has been delegated to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Resources and may be redelegated to the Human Resource Center Directors. (The HRA shall be appointed in consultation with and at the request of the Operating Division Head or designee who has local responsibility for the division's competitive sourcing program. If the HRA's participation on the Most Efficient Organization (MEO) team may result in a potential conflict of interest, a second HRA shall be appointed to maintain acquisition integrity.)

**Redelegation**

These authorities may not be redelegated.

**Citations**

1. Circular No. A-76, Performance of Commercial Activities (revised May 29, 2003).
2. Memorandum from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management (ASAM) dated June 9, 2004, entitled "Delegations of Authority under OMB Circular No. A-76 (Revised)/Competitive Sourcing Policy Letter No. 7."

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